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Det. 507, 301st TFW

Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

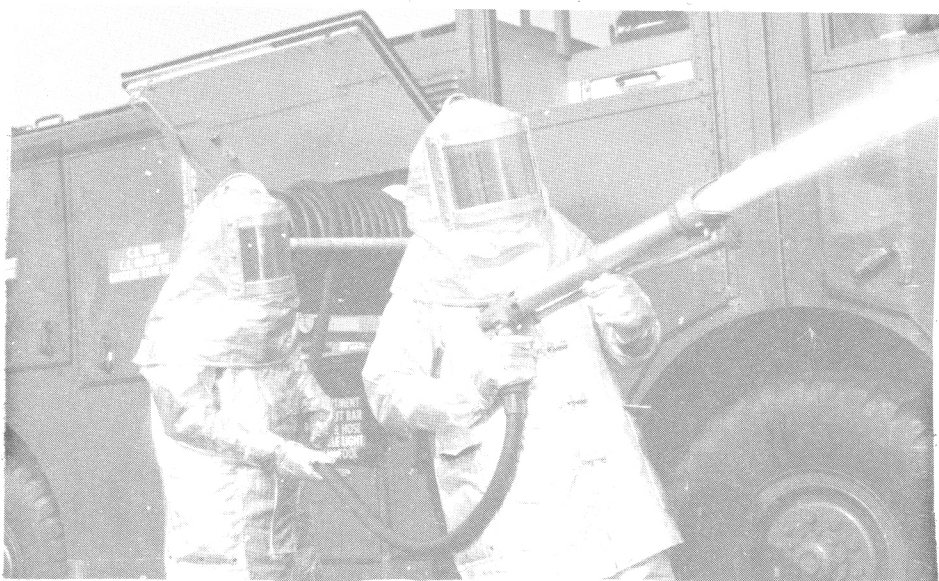
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Camp 1974

Summer Camp Termed Success



Members of CAM Sq load munitions as part of active duty training at Travis Field, Savannah, Georgia



507th Firefighters helped maintain firefighting equipment at Travis Field. They were also responsible for foaming a runway for an emergency landing for ANG O-2 Aircraft.

Travis Field, near historic Savannah, Georgia, was the field-training site for more than 360 members of the 507th. The two week summer camp was the first time the 507th had been away from home since undertaking the F-105 fighter mission.

Pilots of the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron utilized the Poinsett Gunnery Range near Shaw AFB in South Carolina. Emphasis was concentrated on air-to-ground gunnery practice.

A total of 365 officers and enlisted personnel were deployed to Travis Field. Of course, emphasis was on training that is necessary to achieve and maintain a high degree state of combat readiness.

Being away for summer camp helped many realize how their role in the 507th contributes to the flying mission.

Travis Field is next to Savannah Municipal Airport and they share the same airstrips. Since Travis Field is only 7 miles from town, bus shuttles were offered to and from Savannah. Many of the 507th enjoyed visiting historical sites in town, Savannah Beach on the

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Scheer Promoted to Lt. Col.

Commander, Roger P Scheer was promoted to Lt Colonel during Det 507th, 301st TFWg's Summer Camp.

Lt Col Scheer was born in Akron, Colorado although he lived and graduated from High School in Hinsdale, Illinois. He graduated with a B.S.

in Mechanical Engineering from Colorado University, Boulder, Colorado.

Commander Scheer finished flight training in 1958. He has completed tours in Germany, Thailand and North Vietnam. He was assigned Commander of the 507th TFWg, January 1973.

The Commander's wife, Sandra, and he have 3 daughters, Lisa 13; Lauren 12 and Paige 6. They reside in Edmond, Okla.

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Atlantic Ocean, and other recreational and informational attractions. Those who visited Hilton Head Island in nearby South Carolina were impressed.

Invaluable training and the cooperation and support of other units while at Travis Field combined to make summer encampment for the 507th profitable.

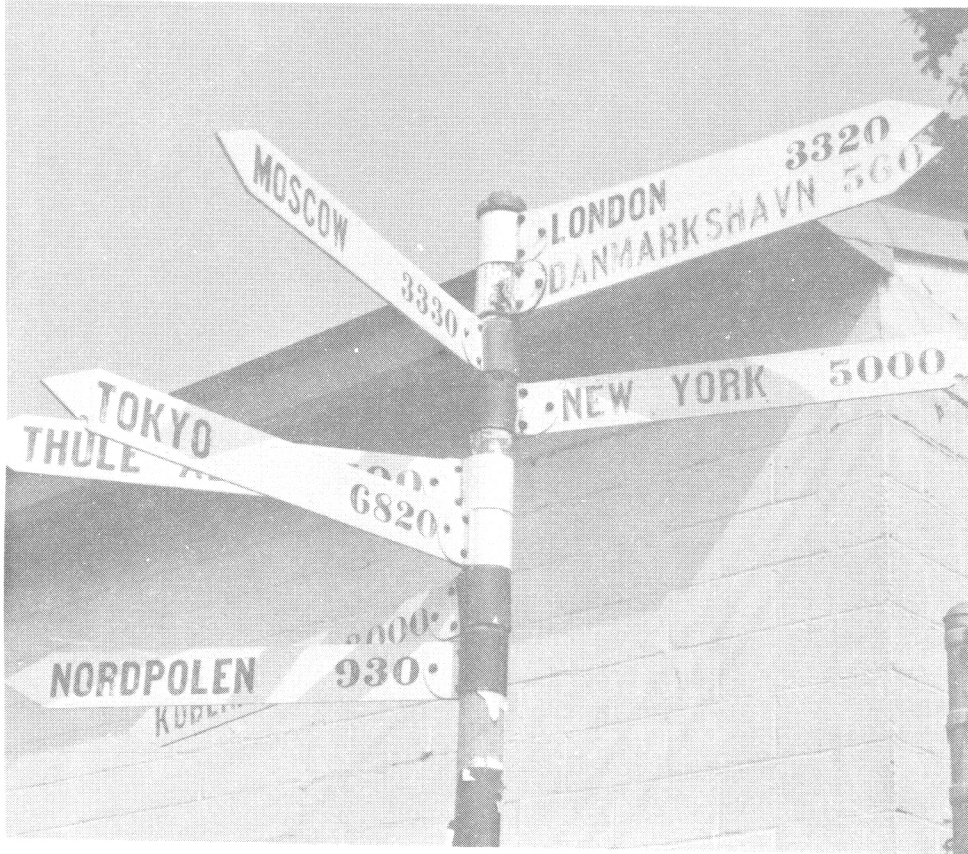


ABOVE--507th Mobility Support Flight members worked with Travis Field Motor Pool in providing transportation. BELOW LEFT--Capt Glenn Cloes observes F-105 take-offs and landings from 'Okie Mobile'. BELOW RIGHT--Communications at Travis Field were controlled by 507th Comm Flt personnel.

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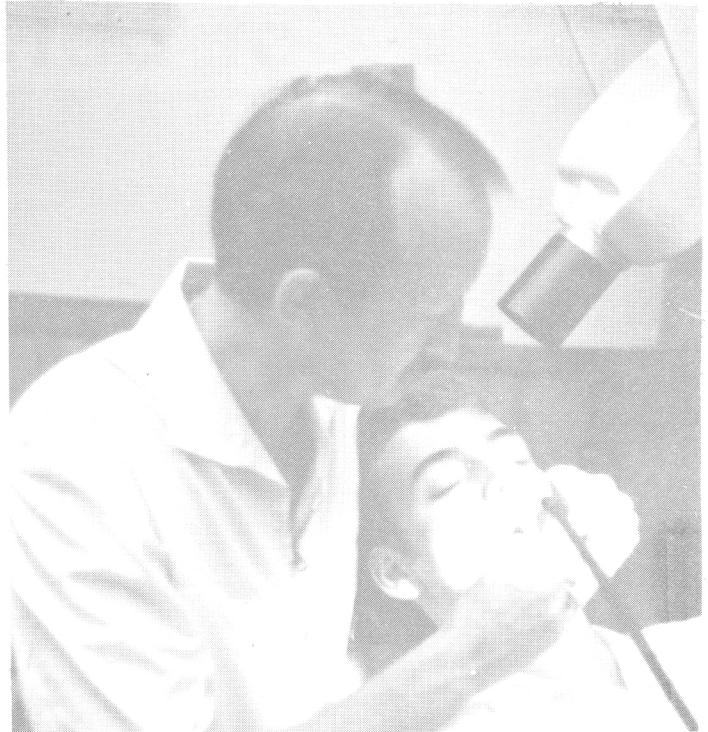
RELATIVELY SPEAKING
speaking from Travis Field, Ga.



Communications between pilots and ground crews is extremely important. Pilots debrief after each flight and explain any malfunctions to 507th Crew Chiefs and Maintenance personnel.



Medical services were provided and maintained at Travis Field for Detachment Personnel by the 507th Tactical Dispensary.



Dental care was provided 507th Personnel while in training in Georgia.

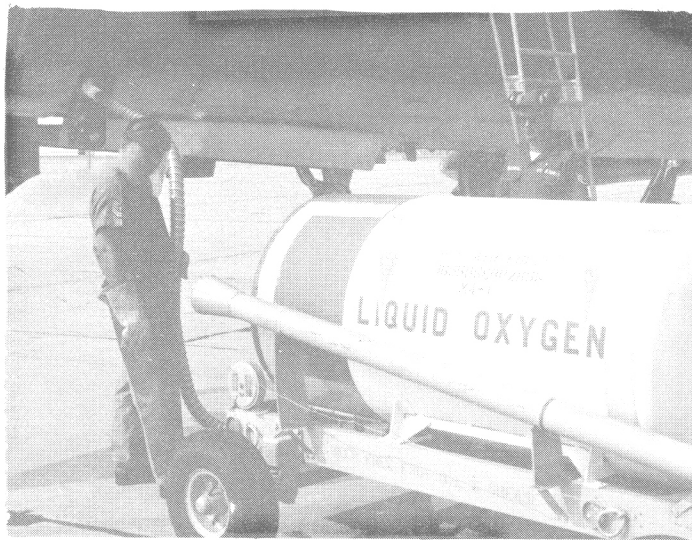


507th Mobility Support Personnel assisted with the preparation of food in mess hall.



And don't forget to use the scoop to put ice in your glass!!!

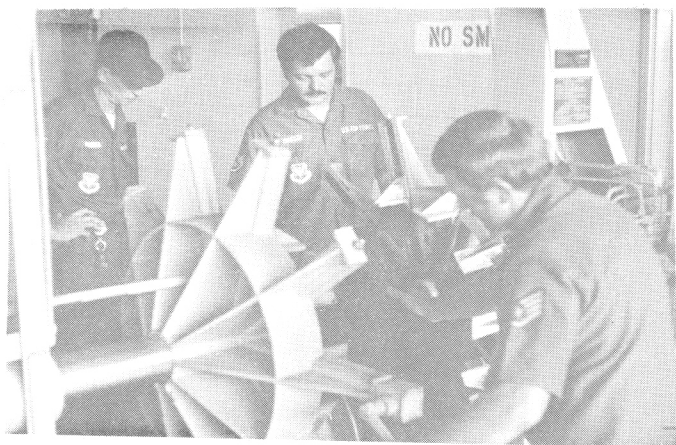
507th Invades Georgia



Maintenance personnel service aircraft with liquid oxygen for pilot's life support system.



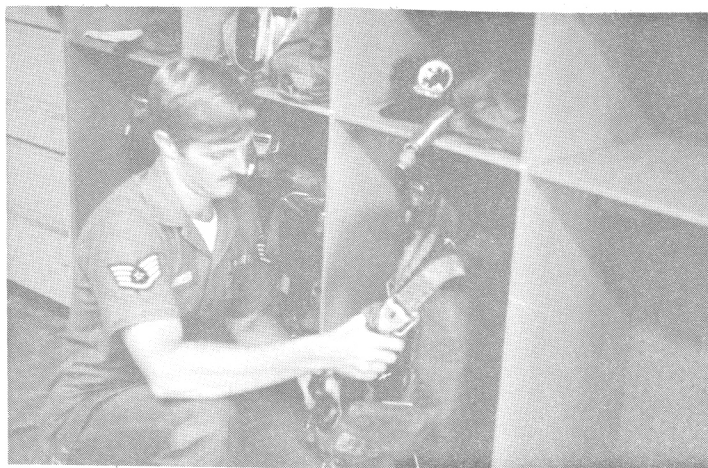
A simulated shakedown performed by 507th Weapons System Security Flight. Members patrolled flight line for aircraft security.



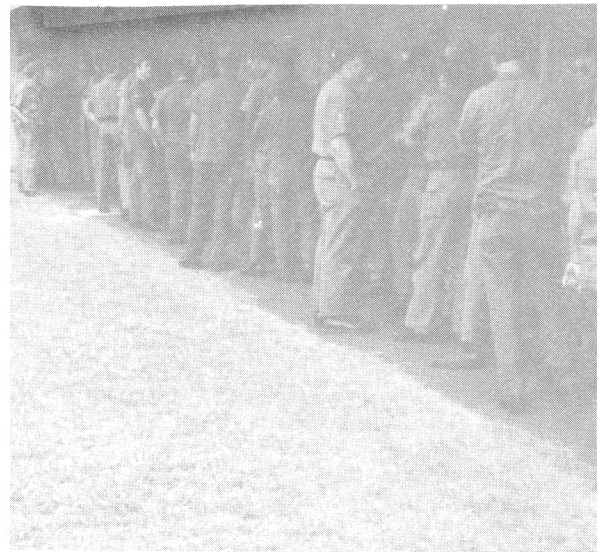
Tire maintenance is essential for safety during take-offs and landings.



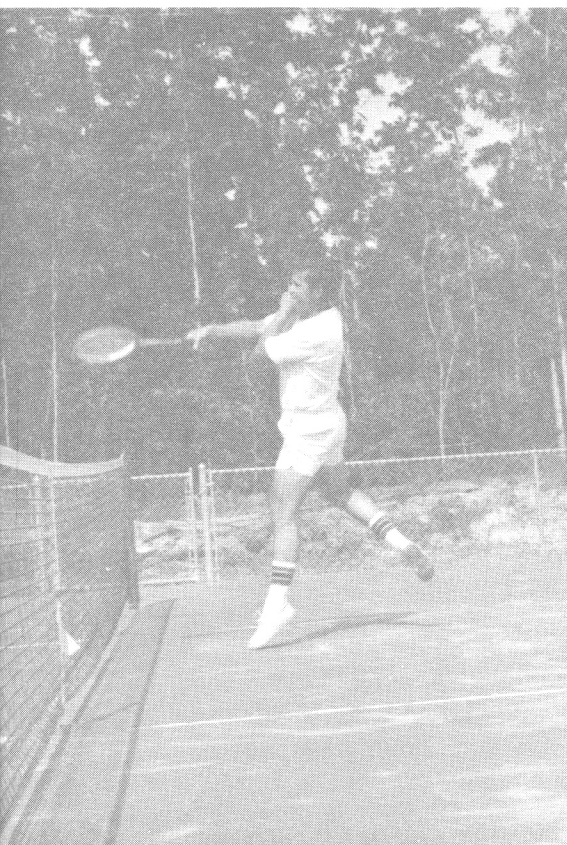
Crew Chiefs and pilots always discuss aircraft performance following flights.



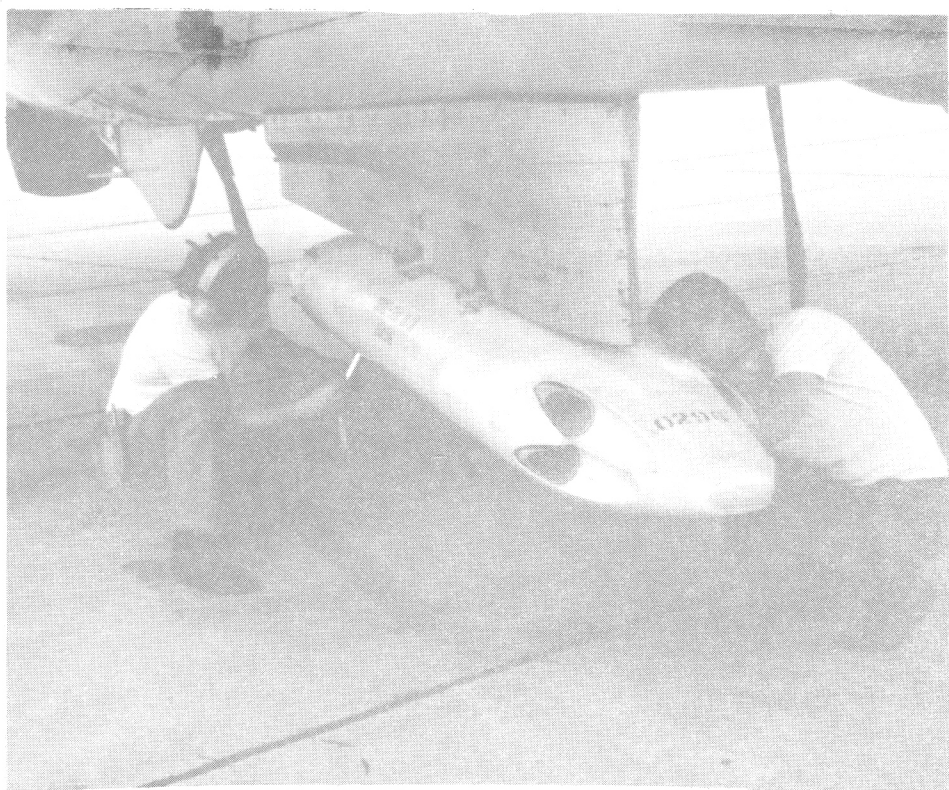
465th TFS Life Support inspect parachute worn by 465th pilots.



Completes 74 Summer Camp



ABOVE--507th Mobility Support Personnel inspect pallets of essential aircraft parts required during mobility. LEFT-- Col Scheer enjoys a quick tennis game at nearby Chatham Tennis Club.



ABOVE--Munitions personnel prepare F-105 for air-to-ground sorties on Poinsett Gunnery Range near Shaw AFB. LEFT-- Chow time! Chow time! Chow time!



Commander's Call



tend a hearty "thank you" to everyone involved for a job well done.

Maj Herbert H. Achesan



The two weeks of summer camp are over, and reviewing the results, it is obvious that the 507th has come of age. This maturity was not handed to us. It came to us as a result of over two years hard work on the part of everyone involved. The men from all walks of life who joined together for two weeks of training proved in real life that we could do what we showed under exercise conditions during the ORI. The deployment, redeployment and exercise of forces at Travis Field, Ga., the ability to bounce back after the tragedy of an aircraft accident, the ability to work together to get the job done, and the esprit de corps of the 507th CAM Squadron all demonstrated the professionalism that puts us, as "weekend warriors" on a par with or above the active duty Air Force

As commander of the CAM Squadron, I want to ex-

As this article is being written, the EOC (end of camp) is rapidly approaching and for some of us the last encampment of our military career. This has been a good "summer camp" with all the usual inconvenience plus some new ones, but all in all, I believe we have come out of it with a much greater spirit of cooperativeness and team work.

I want to commend the advance Cadre for the outstanding manner in which they performed their duties prior to their departure from Tinker, as well as after their arrival at Savannah. They put in many hours of hard work at Savannah to insure success of the mission and so I say to them, "Thanks for a job

well done."

The hard work and long hours, however, was not limited to the advance Cadre. It appeared to me that everyone, when needed, pitched in to do what ever was needed to get the job done, so to those of you who were unfortunate enough to have to stay at Tinker and to all other Combat Support Sq., personnel at Savannah, I want to express my appreciation to you for your initiative, dedication and cooperation which were the ingredients that made this summer camp successful.

My comments would be incomplete without a special mention of the Communication Flight who did such an outstanding job on the telephone switchboard at Savannah under the leadership of Capt. Roberts; The Weapons Support Flight under Capt. Deramus who maintained law and order on the flight line and who were ready to help us out with the local law enforcement agencies if necessary; the Crash/Rescue people from our own CE Flight under MSgt. Clanton; and the Mobility Support Flight under Maj. Young who so ably provided us with POL, Food, and Supply Services. I say again, sincerely, "THANK YOU!"

Lt. Col. Louis Sadler



It's been a long time since our Reserve unit has gone TDY for summer camp...and it was time. For months, we practiced mobility without really knowing what mobility was all about...NOW WE KNOW! The practical experience we gained by performing an actual mobility exercise is the most important training we have received in a long time. Now we know what a WRSK Kit is, why we have them and how necessary they are to enable our maintenance shops to keep our birds in the air. We found out how important our Food Service Personnel are in having plenty of good hot food for the troops when they are a long way from home. We found out why we couldn't possibly keep our birds flying without good refueling personnel to keep those big yellow fuel trucks rolling and pumping fuel (almost 300,000 gallons in 2 weeks). We learned that we couldn't get along without our Supply Personnel to manage WRSK Kits, issue clean linens and to

take care of the appropriation and distribution of all the things we must have to be able to function as a team. Our Transportation personnel played a very important role in keeping our ground vehicles rolling to make morale runs into town, haul supplies into Travis Field and provide base transportation. And we learned that we couldn't possibly keep our rolling stock rolling without a vehicle repair section being Johnny-on the Spot when a vehicle broke down. We were reminded that people do have accidents or get sick during summer camp and our medical personnel are invaluable. And we must always have our Personnel people to make sure our records are up-to-date and accurate, come what may. We were one big team, being together, working together and playing together. And while I have only made mention of the sections assigned to the Mobility Support Flight, my hat is off to all of the 507th Personnel for a job well done.... we pulled together as a team.

Maj James Young

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NICKEL SECURITY

Summer camp is over and its time to reflect on our memories and accomplishments. Once over the initial shock of Travis Field and our first meal, we settled down to do our job of providing security for the aircraft on a round-the-clock basis.

Most of the men in the WSS Flt. are non-prior service, however, the cooperation and initiative displayed by them far exceeded what is seen in many active duty units. Captain "Black Jack" Deramus and I would like to congratulate all the men and supervisors in the WSS Flt. for the excellent manner in which they responded to their jobs and responsibilities.

While handing out pats on-the-back, we would also like to thank the rest of the 507th members for their conscious awareness of security and help they provided during our Local Security Test Exercise, performed at Savannah. In addition, all members of the 507th are to be con-

gratulated on their gentlemanly conduct. Not one person in our entire Detachment was arrested either on or off base.

We would also like to relay our appreciation to the Security Police section of the 135th ANG Unit and the Savannah Police Department for their cooperation and support of our unit during encampment.

The experiences and lessons learned at Travis provided us with invaluable practical knowledge. Now it is time to take that active duty training and build on it during the next twelve UTA's so that our next Summer Encampment will be an even greater success.

Capt Eugene R. Haecker



We got our first taste of what the activation of the 465th TFSq would be like. This squadron has the same requirement as an active duty unit. After notification to begin deployment, this sq-

uadron must be in place with the same time limits and combat readiness as an active duty fighter outfit. This is a significant part of the Total Force Policy. The idea that a reserve unit can be ready; ready to move and ready to effectively accomplish the mission once in place. You can take pride in meeting the challenge.

The Savannah Exercise demonstrated our ability to fulfill our task. Each phase of the deployment was either on time or early; both coming and going. That success is a direct result of individual efforts combining in a team performance that was just "sierra hotel". So I'd like to thank each of you for recognizing his area of responsibility and attacking it with determination and pride that reflects so brilliantly in a job well done.

Lt Col Carroll Ballard

The 507th Communications Flight divided its personnel between Savannah and Tinker. Those at Savannah operated the telephone switchboard and assisted at the 165 Comm Flight ANG communications center.

Several people worked in active duty facilities at Tinker in the 1984 Communications Squadron and 3rd Mobile Communications Group.

Flight personnel also erected an antenna and established radio contact with other Comm Flights in the Air National Guard that were also on summer encampment in other states. This is the first time that we have been on this radio network with our own equipment since the mission changed in the organization. Our usual radio effort has been to radio between the remote site and Tinker in a normal AUTOVON telephone lines.

Capt Oren Swenson

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